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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd
Interim Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "the Company") Requesting to Reconfigure a Portion of Its Existing V.C. Summer-Pineland 230 kV Transmission Line and to Reconfigure a Portion of Its Existing V.C. Summer-Denny terrace 230 kV Transmission Line
Docket No. 2010-57-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This is to acknowledge that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has completed its review of the above referenced filing and has no objection to SCE&G's request. SCE&G specifically requests for a determination by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that reconfiguration of a portion of these two transmission lines constitutes "the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility" and does not constitute "construction of a major utility facility" for which a certificate would be required under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act ("Siting Act").

The Company intends to reconfigure approximately 1.3 miles of the existing V.C. Summer-Pineland 230 kV Transmission Line and approximately 3.6 miles of the existing V.C. Summer-Denny terrace 230 kV Transmission Line. This will be accomplished by replacing the H-frame structures with single pole structures located within ten feet of the existing center line while keeping the facilities within existing rights of way. The Company asserts this reconfiguration will not result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or substantially change the location of the facility.

The Application states this reconfiguration is necessary in order to accommodate the construction of a new 230 kV transmission line for which the Company is currently preparing an application to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the Siting Act. The reconfigured lines and the anticipated new line are needed to serve increased capacity in northeast Columbia. The Company's Application confirms its understanding that the Commission's ruling in this matter will not affect consideration of the merits of a Siting Act application the Company plans to submit concerning the prospective new transmission line in this same area.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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